GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRIAL STATUS TO AGRICULTURE
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to grant agriculture, a status of Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Kelkar Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government is already extending to the agriculture sector as many benefits aspossible similar to those obtaining in the manufacturing sector, such as easy availability of credit and other inputs, and infrastructure facilities for development of agri-business industries and development of effective delivery systems and freeing movement of agro-produce.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The steps taken by the Government on the recommendations of Kelkar Committee havebeen reflected in the budget proposals and the Finance Bill, 2003.